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SUBJECT: OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE ISSUES "DAR ES SALAAM
DECLARATION"

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 117, 100, 79

1. SUMMARY: PLENARY SESSION OF 24TH SESSION OAU LIBERATION
COMMITTEE APPROVED "DAR ES SALAAM DECLARATION" BASED LARGELY
ON SPEECHES OF PRESIDENTS NYERERE AND SAMORA MACHEL, AND
PURPORTING LAUNCH NEW OAU STRATEGY IN AFRICA. FOLLOWING
PLENARY ADDRESS BY TANZANIAN FONMIN MALECELA, DELEGATES
DISBURSED. NEXT SESSION SCHEDULED FOR MOROCCO. THOUGH
"NEW STRATEGY" HINTS AT GREATER OAU PREOCCUPATION WITH
SOCIALIST IDEOLOGY, IT NOT CLEAR THAT COMMITTEE DECLARATION
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REPRESENTS MUCH MORE THAN ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE SOME KIND

OF DOCUMENT OUT OF SESSION MATERIALS BY AN ORGANIZATION
LEFT FOR MOMENT WITH LITTLE TO DO. END SUMMARY.

2. MAJOR RESULT OF 24TH SESSION OF OAU LIBERATION
COMMITTEE HELD IN DAR ES SALAAM WAS APPROVAL BY PLENARY ON JANUARY 14
OF "THE DAR ES SALAAM DECLARATION ON THE NEW STRATEGY
FOR THE LIBERATION OF AFRICA, THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE
STRUGGLE AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE LIBERATED TER-
RITORIES." THIS DECLARATION, CONSISTING OF 19 PARAGRAPHS
AND FIVE CONCLUSIONS, IS RAMBLING, DIFFUSE, AND LESS THAN
CLEAR, AND APPEARS TO BE COMPOSED LARGELY OF CHUNKS MINED
OUT OF NYERERE'S AND MACHEL'S SPEECHES TO THE COMMITTEE,
MIXED WITH FAMILIAR PLATITUDES. TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY
"NEW STRATEGY" CAN BE DISCERNED, IT SEEMS TO BE THAT, WITH
NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE NOW ENSURED OR IN PROSPECT IN MOST OF
AFRICA'S REMAINING "COLONIES", BUSINESS OF LIBERATION
MOVEMENT SHOULD MOVE ON TO A MACHEL-FLAVORED ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL LIBERATION OF NOMINALLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TO
CLOSER IDENTIFICATION WITH WORLDWIDE REVOLUTIONARY (I.E.,
COMMUNIST) MOVEMENT.

3. THUS DECLARATION, DRAWING ON MACHEL, STATES THAT UNITY
BASED ON SOUND "POLITICAL ORIENTATION" IS SECRET FOR SUCCESS
IN LIBERATION. AN EFFECTIVE LIBERATION MOVEMENT MUST (STILL
DRAWING ON MACHEL) (1) IDENTIFY ENEMY AND DISTINGUISH BETWEEN
FRIEND AND FOE (I.E., RECOGNIZE REACTIONARIES DISGUISED AS
NATIONALISTS); (2) AVOID EQUATING
ENEMY WITH ANY RACE OR
PEOPLE (I.E., WHITE "PROGRESSIVES" CAN BE FRIENDS);
(3) COMBAT TRIBALISM AND SEPARATISM; (4) PROMOTE ALLIANCES
IN ORDER ISOLATE AFRICA'S FOES INSIDE AND OUT (I.E.,
PROSUMABLY, ALLY WITH SOCIALIST AND "PROGRESSIVE" FORCES
AGAINST IMPERIALISTS); (5) IDENTIFY WITH MANKIND'S STRUGGLE
FOR JUSTICE, FREEDOM, PEACE AND PROGRESS (I.E., WITH SOCIALIST
BLOC AND THIRD-WORLD REVOLUTION GENERALLY); (6) DRAW NECESSARY
CONCLUSIONS FROM EXPERIENCES OF OTHER PEOPLES' STRUGGLES
(MACHEL APPEARS TO HAVE VIETNAM AND PALESTINE IN MIND);
(7) MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE AND VIGILANCE (I.E., AGAINST
"IDEOLOGICAL AGGRESSION" -- MEANING EXPRESSION OF OPPOSITION
VIEWS -- AND SUBVERSION); (8) COMBAT CORRUPTION AND TEMPTATIONS
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FOR COMFORT (I.E., BOURGEOIS PERMISSIVENESS AND DECADENCE).

4. TURNING TO MORE PRACTICAL MATTERS, DECLARATION NOTES
THAT FOCUS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HAS NOW SHIFTED FROM
PORTUGUESE AFRICA TO RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, AND SAYS (DRAWING
NOW ON NYERERE SPEECH) THAT WHILE AFRICA WANTS PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS
IT IS READY TO FIGHT. RE RHODESIA, DECLARATION NOTES COMMITTEE'S
RECOGNITION OF ANC AS "SOLE AND AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE" OF

AFRICAN PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, PROMISES IT "BOTH POLITICAL AND MILITARY SUPPORT", AND SAYS THAT IF PEACEFUL SOLUTION BASED ON "NO INDEPENDENCE BEFORE MAJORITY RULE" NOT ATTAINED, COMMITTEE WILL TAKE MEASURES FOR "INTENSIFIED MILITARY OPERATIONS." RE NAMIBIA, COMMITTEE "WELCOMES INTENSIFICATION OF ARMED STRUGGLE LED BY SWAPO", REJECTS ANY SOUTH AFRICAN ATTEMPT FRAGMENTIZE TERRITORY, AND CALLS ON UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO ENFORCE ITS DECEMBER RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA, USING ALL MEASURES INCLUDING CHAPTER VII OF CHARTER.

5. WITH REGARD SOUTH AFRICA, DECLARATION WELCOMES ITS INCREASED INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION AS EVIDENCED BY EXCLUSION FROM UNGA, AND CALLS FOR INTENSIFIED OSTRACISM. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES DECISION TO "INCREASE ASSISTANCE" (TYPE NOT INDICATED) TO SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND CALLS ON THEM TO FORM UNITED FRONT.

6. RE SMALLER TERRITORIES, DECLARATION WELCOMES OUTCOME OF COMORIAN REFERENDUM, DENOUNCES ANY ATTEMPTS ESTABLISH "FOREIGN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS" THERE, PAYS TRIBUTE TO MOLINACO, AND CALLS FOR A UNITED FRONT. IT SALUTES UNITY OF PURPOSE BETWEEN SDP AND SPUP IN SEYCHELLES AND CALLS FOR INDEPENDENCE THIS YEAR. FINALLY, IT DENOUNCES PRESENT STATUS FRENCH SOMALILAND AS "SERIOUS AND ANACHRONISTIC" AND CALLS ON AOU TO TAKE ACTION TOWARDS DECOLONIZATION THERE. SPANISH SAHARA IN NOT MENTIONED.

7. FINALLY, DECLARATION STATES FIVE "CONCLUSIONS":
(1) TOTAL LIBERATION IS BASIC CONCERN OF ALL AFRICANS; (2) OAU WILL CONTINUE TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS TO THE STRUGGLE THROUGH LIBERATION COMMITTEE; (3) AFRICA MUST AID "TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENTS" IN COUNTRIES ON ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE, IN ORDER CONSOLIDATE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND ASSIST FREEDOM FIGHTERS; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(4) SUPPORT OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IS PART OF "REVOLUTIONARY SOLIDARITY" AND CONSISTANT WITH STRUGGLE OF ALL PEOPLES AGAINST "OPPRESSION AND EXPLOITATION, RACISM AND COLONIALISM, AGGRESSION AND SPOILIATION"; AND (5) OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE "REAFFIRMS ITS UNFLINCHING FAITH IN THE NEW STRATEGY".

8. IN ADDRESS CLOSING COMMITTEE SESSION, TANZANIAN FONMIN MALECELA SAID AFRICA COULD NOT WAIT ANOTHER GENERATION FOR TOTAL LIBERATION. HE SAID SMITH REGIME MUST "CREATE CONDITIONS CONDUCIVE TO THE CONVENING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE" IF IT WANTED A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO RHODESIAN QUESTION, AND THAT RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS WAS A MUST. "THE FREEDOM OF ZIMBABWE MUST BE ATTAINED AND MUST BE CONCEDED WITH THE LEAST OF

DELAY." HE WELCOMED OAU RECOGNITION OF ANC AND SAID
TANZANIA WOULD NOT TOLERATE ELEMENTS OPPOSING UNITY OF
ZIMBABWE PEOPLE ON TANZANIAN SOIL. HE PRAISED FREEDOM
FIGHTERS OF PORTUGUESE AFRICA FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS, AND
CALLED FOR INCREASED OAU AID TO OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
INCLUDING THOSE IN FRENCH SOMALILAND AND SPANISH SAHARA.

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